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OF THE

Fifteenth Annual Conference

Of the Ministers and Representatives of the people denominated Bible Christians, held in the Bible Christian Church, Hampton, begun on Thursday, June 3rd, and ended on Thursday, June 10th, 1869.

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference?

ANSWER.—Cephas Barker, President of the Conference 1868.
William S. Pascoe, Secretary, ditto.
Joseph Hoidge, Superintendent of the Bowmanville District.

William Hooper,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
Edward Roberts,	ditto	London & Cleveland	ditto.
Robert Hurley,	ditto	Wisconsin	ditto.
John Chapple,	ditto	Prince Ed. Island	ditto.

Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.

John Hull,	Sent by	Cobourg District.	
Thomas Clarke.	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.
James Pickard,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
William Field,	ditto	London & Cleveland	ditto.

Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.

Paul Robins,	Sent by	Bowmanville District.	
John Hicks Eynon,	ditto		ditto.
Thomas Greene,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
John Edwards,	ditto		ditto.
John Williams,	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.

Henry Ebbott,	ditto	Wisconsin	ditto.
John W. Butcher,	ditto	Cobourg	ditto.
Jacob Gale,	ditto	"	ditto.
Jesse Whitlock,	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.
William Woodman,	ditto	Cobourg	ditto.
William R. Roach,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
David Cantlon,	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.
Thomas R. Hull,	ditto	"	ditto.
George Bodle,	ditto	Cobourg	ditto.
Garrance T. Colwell,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
Andrew Gordon,	ditto	Cobourg	ditto.
George Webber,	ditto	"	ditto.
William Jolliffe,	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.
Archibald Clarke,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
Edward Price,	ditto	Cobourg	ditto.
John Kinsey,	ditto	Exeter	ditto.
George Dunkley,	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.
Samuel Jolliffe,	ditto	Wisconsin	ditto.
William Wade,	ditto	London & Cleveland	ditto.
James J. Rice,	ditto	Bowmanville	ditto.
Charles J. Pearse,	ditto	Cobourg	ditto.
Lewis W. Wickett,	ditto	London & Cleveland	ditto.

Bro. Edwards was absent through ill health.

WILLIAM S. PASCOE was elected President; EDWARD ROBERTS, Secretary; J. J. RICE, Journal Secretary.

RESOLUTION 1.—That the very sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the brethren CEPHAS BARKER, and WILLIAM S. PASCOE, for their valuable services as President and Secretary during the past year.

Q. 2.—Who remain on the list of APPROVED PREACHERS?
A.—

Francis Metherall (superan)	John Watson Butcher
Paul Robins	Jacob Gale (superan)
John Langdon (superan.)	Jesse Whitlock
John Hicks Eynon (do.)	William Woodman
Abraham Morris (do.)	William Roberts Roach
John Brown Tapp (do.)	William Samuel Pascoe
Thomas Greene	Henry Kenner
John Edwards (superan.)	David Cantlon
Robert Hurley	Thomas Raynor Hull
John Chapple	George Bodle
John Williams	Garrance Tink Colwell
Cephas Barker	Andrew Gordon
William Hooper	Isaac Ashley (supernu.)
Henry Ebbott	George Webber
Joseph Hoidge (supernu.)	Edward Roberts
George Haycraft (superan)	William Jolliffe

Archibald Clarke
Henry Newcombe
Edward Price
John T. Sencabaugh
John Kinsey
George Dunkley
Samuel Jolliffe
William Wade
William Partridge Hunt
Walter Ayers
John Harris
Richard Hicks (supernum)
James Joseph Rice
Charles James Pearse
Lewis William Wickett

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into FULL CONNEXION ?

A.—

William Heysett
Thomas William Glover
Richard Thomas Courtice
William Hodnett

Q. 4.—Who remain on TRIAL ?

A.—

William Kinley*
W. C. Beer

These have travelled THREE years.

James Collins 1st.
Alexander Richard
Robert Baker

These have travelled TWO years.

James Collins 2nd.
Roger Allin

These have travelled ONE year.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted ON TRIAL ?

A.—

John George Yelland
Joseph Archer

RESOLUTION 10.—Having examined the list of preachers, with feelings of unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, we record the facts : that while during the past year, there has been an instance or two, of very dangerous illness, the lives of all the ministers have been mercifully preserved ; and that although, in common with other men, ministers are the subjects of divers temptations, no case of moral delinquency has been reported to this Conference. Praise the Lord.

PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

RESOLUTION 14.—That the Report of the Editor be received ; and that our hearty thanks be given him for his valuable services as Editor and manager of the Printing Establishment, and that the thanks of the Conference be presented to those friends who so liberally responded to their call towards establishing a Connexional Printing Press, as to raise the sum of $2416 for that object ; but as the outlay has exceeded that amount by $1426, we agree that $1000 be devoted towards that deficiency from the Jubilee Fund.

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* Brother Kinley remains on trial in consequence of ill health.

Q. 6—What are the Statistics of the Connexion ?

A.—

SELF SUSTAINING CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Chapels.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	Received from other Circuits.	On Trial.	Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg	1	10	4		3	20		4	160	164	40	260
Port Hope	2	13	5	1	2	16		17	195	212	60	240
Bowmanville	5	15	9	1	3	25	18	24	443	467	88	474
Hampton	4	20	11	1	4	20		32	404	436	89	461
Mariposa	2	14	10	1	7	19	7	13	395	408	90	480
Exeter	3	13	8	3	8	18	2	120	350	470	110	740
Mitchell	2	11	6	1		10		5	322	327	37	306
Palmyra	1	9	2	4		4			76	76	31	207
Total in Circuits.	20	105	55	12	27	132	27	215	2345	2560	545	3168
MISSIONS.												
Peterboro'	1	3	4	2	1	3			107	107	35	214
Dummer	1	2	1	2				1	78	79	10	52
Huntingdon	1	6	2	6	1	4			111	111	28	140
Hungerford	2	2	3	6	1	3			139	139	12	100
Seymour	1	4	2	2			2		73	73	7	50
Perrytown	1		4	1		6			41	41	8	40
Oshawa	1	1	1		3	10	3	15	68	83	20	81
Pickering	1	6	5	2		6		44	75	119	24	150
Prince Albert	3	8	6	2		7		11	162	173	44	147
Scott	2	5	4	3		12		5	46	51	10	107
Fenelon	1	8	2	5		9	9		83	83	14	81
Clinton	1	4	4			8	4	8	69	77	24	100
Grey	1		2	2		6		7	41	48	10	70
Colborne	1	4	3	2			2	1	94	95	10	59
Usborne	2	6	8	2	1	12	5	71	183	254	68	316
London	2	7	3	2		6	4	14	132	146	31	218
Dereham and Ingersoll.	2	7	4	1	1	3	3	11	82	93	24	115
Cleveland, U.S.	1		1		2	9			65	65	12	140
Orange and Chagrin Falls, U.S.	2	4	3	1	1	3	4		100	100	24	140
Lisbon, U.S.	2	1	2	1	1	3		3	115	118	15	100
Yorkville, U.S.	1	9	3	5	3	6		1	174	175	35	235
Illinois, U.S.												
Little Prairie, U.S.	1	1		3		2		2	37	39	12	80
Rockland, U.S.	1	1	1	3	1				60	60	12	50
Portage Lake, U.S.	1	1	1	3	1	1		35	35	36	7	25
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	2	11	7	2	7	7			200	200	25	250
Ebenezer, P. E. I.	2	7	2	5	1	3		37	40	77	4	40
Vernon River, P. E. I.	1		4					7	80	87	10	135
Murray Harbor, P.E.I.	1	1	2	4					52	52	5	78
Grand River, & Three Rivers, P. E. I.	1	1	3	4	1				34	34	4	55
New Bideford, P.E. I.	1	1	2	4				2	47	49	7	62
Owen Sound		1		6				1	17	18		
Total in Missions	41	112	88	81	26	119	36	242	2640	2882	551	3421
Grand Total	61	217	143	93	53	251	63	457	4985	5442	1096	6589
Increase	3		4		8			80	127	207	40	381
Decrease		4				48						

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers Stationed this year?
A.—As follows:

I. COBOURG DISTRICT.

1. *Cobourg.* G. Webber,
2. *Port Hope.* E. Price, J. B. Tapp, Superannuated.
3. *Peterboro'.* J. W. Butcher.
4. *Lakefield.* R. T. Courtice.
5. *Huntingdon.* J. Kinsey.
6. *Hungerford.* A. Gordon, J. Collins, 1st.
7. *Seymour.* C. J. Pearse.
8. *Perrytown.* J. Archer, J. Gale, Superannuated.

G. Webber, Superintendent of the District.

II. BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.

9. *Bowmanville.* C. Barker, J. J. Rice, L. W. Wickett, J. H. Eynon, Superannuated.
10. *Hampton.* E. Roberts, T. R. Hull, (Columbus); Paul Robins, (Bowmanville.) J. Hoidge, Supernumerary.
11. *Oshawa.* W. S. Pascoe.
12, *Mariposa.* J. Whitlock, T. W. Glover.
13. *Pickering.* J. Williams.
14. *Prince Albert.* D. Cantlon, R. Baker, J. Langdon, Superannuated.
15. *Scott.* W. Woodman; A. Morris, Superannuated.
16. *Fenelon.* W. Hodnett, I. Ashley, Supernumerary.

W. S. Pascoe, Superintendent of the District.

III. EXETER DISTRICT.

17. *Exeter.* W. Hooper; One from England; J. Edwards, Superannuated.
18. *Mitchell.* A. Clarke, T. Greene, R. Hicks, Supernumerary.
19. *Clinton.* W. R. Roach.
20. *Grey.* W. Heysett.
21. *Colborne.* G. Dunkley.
22. *Usborne.* G. Bodle, J. Collins, 2nd.

W. Hooper, Superintendent of the District.

IV. LONDON & CLEVELAND DISTRICT.

23. *London.* W. Jolliffe, W. Kinley.
24. *Ingersoll & Dereham.* W. Wade, W. C. Beer.
25. *Cleveland.* J. T. Sencabaugh.
26. *Orange & Chagrin Falls.* J. Harris, R. Allin.

W. Jolliffe, Superintendent of the District.

V. WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

27. *Palmyra.* H. Kenner.
28. *Lisbon.* S. Jollifte, One from England; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.
29. *Yorkville.* R. Hurley.
30. *Little Prairie.* H. Ebbott.

R. HURLEY, Superintendent of the District.

VI. LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

31. *Rockland.* W. Ayers, One wanted.
32. *Portage Lake.* G. T. Colwell, One wanted.

G. T. COLWELL, Superintendent of the District.

VII. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

33. *Charlottetown.* J. Chapple, A. Richard.
34. *Ebenezer.* One from England; F. Metherall, Superannuated.
35. *Vernon River.* J. G. Yelland.
39. *Murray Harbor & Three Rivers.* W. P. Hunt.
40. *Grand River.* One wanted.
41. *New Bideford.* H. A. Newcombe.

J. CHAPPLE, Superintendent of the District.

42. *Owen Sound.* One to be sent.

UNITED STATES RATE OF EXCHANGE.

RES. 18. That as the Conference of 1868 offered the friends in the United States financial independence if they desired it, we are pleased to find that they wisb to remain in the same relation to Canada as at present; but as we deem it desirable that all difficulties in regard to the rate of Exchange should be removed, we comply with the request of the friends on the Wisconsin District, and fix the rate of Discount for the year at 35 cents.

PREMISES ON THREE RIVERS' MISSION.

RES. 21. That the Chairman of P. E. I., instruct the Trustees to sell the house and premises on the Three Rivers' Mission forthwith; the proceeds of the sale to be handed over to the Missionary Treasurer.

TEMPERANCE.

RES. 23. Whereas the importance of the Temperance reform is indicated, as well by the evils arising from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, as by the fact that the bulk of professing Christians and philanthropists still exert their influence and energies for the suppression of these evils: —Therefore, resolved: that this Conference re-affirm as its platform upon this question, Total Abstinence; and we urge upon our ministers the duty of bringing every member of the Church up to this standard, and especially so of such as shall hereafter give in their names for membership in our Societies. Furthermore, that with the view of increasing the efficiency of the Bands of Hope in connection with our Sabbath schools, the Connexional committee are hereby instructed to consider the propriety of publishing a monthly periodical for circulation among them.

2. That this Conference rejoices in the institution of the Canada Temperance Union, the receipt of whose official Circular we hereby acknowledge, and we assure that Body of our hearty sympathy and support; that their recognition of our holy Christianity and its influence on this great question, we appreciate; that the asserted desirability that Evangelical Ministers should preach Temperance Sermons, we assent to; and that, as requested, we appoint two members of this Conference to attend the Convention of the Canada Temperance Union, proposed to be held in the city of Toronto in the month of September next.

3. That the brethren E. Roberts, and J. J. Rice, be the Delegates to the Convention.

PREACHERS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE PREACHERS' FUND.

Res. 26. That as we could not honorably dismiss a needy brother in the ministry without any financial assistance, when he has become unable to perform ministerial duty; and as some of the brethren are not able to meet such charges as would entitle them to assistance from the Preachers' Fund when superannuated; we resolve, That preachers, not members of the Preachers' Fund, shall subscribe annually a sum equal to the annual payment of those preachers who are members of that Fund, to assist them when superannuated, according to such regulations as may be determined by the Conference:—said subscriptions to bear interest, and be held sacred for the purpose intended: and that Bros. E. Roberts, and P. Robins, be appointed to prepare Rules for said Fund, to be laid before the Connexional committee, and the next Conference for their approval.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Res. 27. That any brother having a claim for travelling expenses, either on the Missionary or Contingent Fund, shall send the particulars of such expenses to the Financial Secretary at or before the time of the second meeting of the Connexional committee: and in case such claims be not so presented, they shall not be allowed.

PREACHERS' FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND BOOK ROOM ACCOUNTS.

Res. 28. That in future, the Superintendents of Districts forward the Preachers' Fund and Book accounts for their several districts direct to brother Robins, the Treasurer and Book Steward, instead of to the Financial Secretary as at present.

Res. 31. That the report of the Book Steward be adopted; and the thanks of this Conference be given him for his efficient, and economical management of the concern.

SPIRITUAL STATE.

Res. 35. That after having thoughtfully examined the Reports of the several Districts, on the state of Religion in our various fields of labor, we are pleased to find that on some Stations there has been a steady advancement in the divine life, and earnest efforts continuously put forth to secure the extension and consolidation of the Redeemer's Kingdom, which has resulted in the salvation of hundreds of sinners, and the spiritual growth of believers. Among these, we rejoice to find that many of the children taught in our Sabbath schools, have given evidence of a genuine change of heart. And we cherish the hope that from our schools the Church will be largely replenished with faithful members and laborers: And therefore urge on all concerned, the necessity and importance of laboring with increasing earnestness to secure the conversion of the children belonging to our

Sabbath schools. We regret to find, however, that on the part of some of our members, the social means of grace are not duly appreciated. We would earnestly counsel such to consecrate themselves afresh to God and his service, so that our Zion may be in greater prosperity.

DIVISION OF HAMPTON CIRCUIT.

RES. 36. That as considerable discussion has taken place about the Division of Hampton Station; we advise the officials of the Hampton and Oshawa Stations to bring the subject before their respective Quarterly Meetings, with the design of propounding a plan for the ultimate division thereof.

GRANTS 1869.

RES. 37. That the following grants be made to the Mission Circuits for the year ending May 10th 1870.

COBOURG DISTRICT.	Peterborough—all they can raise.			
	Lakefield	do.		
	Hungerford	do.	and	$150.
	Hungtingdon	do.	"	40.
	Seymour	do.	"	40.
	Perrytown	do.		
BOWMANVILLE do.	Scott	do.	"	160.
	Oshawa	do.	"	100.
	Prince Albert	do.	"	100.
	Pickering	do.		
	Fenelon	do.	"	100.
EXETER do.	Usborne	do.		
	Clinton	do.	"	40.
	Colborne	do.	"	50.
	Grey	do.	"	150.
LONDON & CLEVELAND do.	London	do.	"	80.
	Ingersoll & Dereham	do	"	250.
WISCONSIN do.	Lisbon	do.		
	Little Prairie	do. U. S. cur.	"	100.
LAKE SUPERIOR do.	Rockland	do.		
	Portage Lake	do.		
P. E. ISLAND do.		do.	"	230.
if Summerside be opened, if not $30, less.				
OWEN SOUND		do.	"	150.

LAKE SUPERIOR.

RES. 40. That brother Pascoe be, and is hereby appointed by this Conference to visit the Lake Superior District during the year, with a view of creating a greater interest on the part of our friends and the public generally, in extending our cause in that region.

POWLE'S CHAPEL.

RES. 42. That $50 be granted to the Trustees of Powle's Chapel in the Fenelon Mission, on condition that it be properly deeded to the Connexion.

STATISTICS.

RES. 43. That on carefully reviewing the Statistics of our Connexion, we feel glad to be able to report, that, after allowing for 53 Deaths, 251 Removals, and a number whose names have been dropped for unfaithfulness, we have an increase of 4 Churches, 80 on trial, 127 members—total 207. There have been also several Sunday schools organized, with an increase of 40 Teachers, and 381 scholars. In this, we greatly rejoice.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

Res. 44. That a very delightful Lovefeast was held, amidst a thronged house of friends from various parts, closing with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The limited time of the Lovefeast prevented many from speaking; but those who did speak bore testimony to the fact, that their sense of the Divine favor was clear, and their prospects of future blessedness bright. Some declared the past year to have been the best in their Christian life; while others spoke of victories over powerful temptations, and of sanctified afflictions and conflicts. May we all grow more and more in grace, and increase in usefulness! Amen.

CHILDREN.

Res. 45. That as, upon enquiry it is found that the important Resolutions of the last Conference respecting the relationship children should sustain to the Church, have not, owing to what has appeared to be insuperable difficulties, been acted upon. This Conference affectionately and earnestly calls upon our friends to endeavor to give effect to said Resolutions: and we further urge upon all the ministers the necessity of calling attention to this important subject from the pulpit, and in their pastoral visitations. And to assist them in these efforts, we re-print the resolutions passed by the last Conference.

Res. 38. That with the view of bringing the children of our members and friends into closer relationship to the church, we resolve:

1.—That where practicable, such of our Sabbath School and other children as shall accept an invitation to receive special religious instruction, be formed into catechumen classes, under the care of suitable persons, to be appointed by the Elders' Meetings; and that they be made the subjects of displine, religious instruction, and encouragement suited to their age and capacity.

2—That the names and attendance of said children be recorded in a book to be provided for that purpose, and that the returns be made annually, through the Quarterly and District Meetings to the Conference.

3.—That they be continued in this relation until the Elders' Meeting shall judge them fit to be received on trial for church membership, or they be otherwise removed from such relation by action of the Elders' meeting.

4.—In order that parents in the church, and our friends generally, may have these matters properly laid before them and explained, and that they may be induced to co-operate with the ministers in these attempts to train up their children in the Lord, we further resolve, that every pastor shall, as soon as possible call a general church meeting, to which he shall read these resolutions, offer what remarks he may think necessary, and take steps to carry into effect the directions herein contained.

OWEN SOUND.

Res. 49. That brother Hoidge be, and is hereby appointed a Deputation to visit Owen Sound and vicinity, and report to the Missionary Committee for their guidance.

MINISTERIAL SALARY.

(REPORT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.)

That having considered the matters of Preachers' Salary, Children's proportion, and Missionary Receipts. We do not feel prepared to present to the Conference any scheme which we would deem satisfactory; but we recommend that a Committee composed of the President, and Secretary, and

the Brethren Robins, and Barker, be appointed to prepare a plan, and submit it to the second Meeting of the Connexional Committee for their consideration, and from them to the third Quarterly Meeting in each Station, and that the view of the Quarterly Meetings be forwarded to their respective District Meetings, and thence to the next Conference for final decision.

On motion the report was received, and adopted.

MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETINGS.

Res. 53. That we request our friends on all our Circuits to hold Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings in each of our places of worship, and unitedly to pray to Almighty God, for a much greater outpouring of His Holy Spirit in His Church, and to make bare His arm in the conversion of sinners, and in the sanctification of believers.

COMMITTEES.

Q. 8. Who are the Connexional and Missionary Committees?

A. The President, and Secretary of Conference, Superintendents of Districts, the Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, General Financial Secretary, Editor, Book Steward, J. Whitlock, T. Gillbard, T. Clarke, S. Vanstone, J. Pickard, W. Windatt. E. Roberts, Secretary of the Connexional Committee and General Corresponding Secretary; C. Barker, Corresponding Secretary with England; G. Webber, Missionary Secretary; D. Cantlon, General Financial Secretary; J. H. Eynon, General Treasurer.

Q. 9 Who are the Book and Publishing Committee?

A. The President, Editor, Book Steward and J. J. Rice.

Q. 10. Who are the Stationing Committee?

A. The President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendents of Districts, One Representative from each District to be appointed by the District Meetings, P. Robins, C. Barker, and the Financial Secretary.

Q. 11. Who are the Auditors of the Connexional Funds?

A. J. J. Rice and W. Windatt.

Q. 12. Who are the Examining Committee?

A. D. Cantlon, W. Jolliffe and A. Clarke.

DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1870.

Cobourg District, at Camborne; Bowmanville District, at Manilla; Exeter District, at Mitchell; London and Cleveland District, at Ingersoll; Wisconsin District, at Yorkville; Lake Superior District, at Portage Lake; P. E. I. District, at Charlottetown. When held:—Cobourg, Bowmanville, Exeter, and London Districts, 3rd Wednesday in May; Wisconsin and Lake Superior, 2nd Wednesday in May: P. E. Island, the first Saturday in March.

LISBON.

Res. 58. That in case a young man be sent to Lisbon from England, no claim for Connexional Funds be charged with him on that Station for the coming year.

"OBSERVER."

Res. 59. That believing the Observer to be a very important Christian Journal; sound in religious sentiment; clear and consistent in its distinctive anti-state Church principles; and, well adapted, in matter and style, for a family Newspaper; we heartily commend it to our friends and the Christian Public, as deserving their cordial patronage and support. We would also remind our friends that its more extended circulation would bring financial gain to the Denomination, whilst it would check the spread of impure literature, and enable all, who would guide the youthtful mind aright, to present them with healthy moral instruction.

PALMYRA AND LITTLE PRAIRIE STATIONS.

Res. 60. That whereas, we have been necessitated to vote $100 to Little Prairie Mission, we recommend to the friends of Palmyra and Little Prairie Stations, the advisability of effecting the re-union of those Stations, that they may become financially independent.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE JUBILEE FUND.

Res. 62. That the friends who have subscribed to the Jubilee Fund to the amount of $2224 receive our sincere thanks for their sympathy with the movement, and we pledge ourselves to appropriate such Fund to the objects for which it was instituted.

FINANCES.

Res. 64. That the state of the finances present on the whole a favorable aspect: our friends have manifested their attachment to the cause they love, by their benevolent contributions to the several Connexional Funds. But when we take into consideration the increasing demands of an aggressive church, we sincerely hope our numerous members and supporters, will, in humble dependence on, and strict obedience to their Divine Master, largely increase their efforts in this direction. We especially recommend to their favorable attention the Beneficient Fund, believing that this very important department should be liberally sustained.

THANKS TO SECRETARIES

Res. 65. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the brethren, G. Webber, and D. Cantlon, for their efficient services during the year, as Missionary and Financial Secretaries.

CHILDRENS' FUND.

Res. 66. That as the Preachers' Childrens' Fund is $358, 47 cts. in debt, and deeming it really important that that Fund should be, as soon as possible, put on a healthy footing; the charge for the next year shall be $48 with a married and $100 with a single Preacher.

THANKS TO HAMPTON FRIENDS.

Res. 68. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the friends at Hampton, for their generous hospitality to its members, during the present Session; and that in further recognition of said kindness, a copy of the Minutes for 1869 be presented to each family where we have been entertained.

THANKS TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE G. T. R.

RES. 71. That our thanks are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk Railroad Managing Director, for the special facilities afforded to the members of Conference, in coming to and returning from this place.

Q. 11.—When, and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Bowmanville, on the first Thursday in June, 1870, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Committees preparatory thereto to meet as follows:

The Connexional, Missionary, and Book Committees on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 a.m. N.B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their reports ready to lay before these Committees.

The Stationing Committee to meet the same day at 4 o'clock.

The Examining Committee, D. Cantlon, W. Jolliffe, and A. Clarke, the preceding Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

W. S. PASCOE, *President.*

E. ROBERTS, *Secretary.*

Address to the English Conference.

Dear Fathers, and Brethren,—Although the wide ocean rolls between you and ourselves, and to many of us, you are personally unknown, as also are some of us to you,—it gives us very great pleasure to remember that we are one with you in your high aims, your successful endeavors in the spread of scripture truth, and in your hopes, and fears, and joys. We rejoice at your zeal in the cause of our common Master, and sympathize with your solicitude for an increase in the spirituality of mind of the members who form the Societies throughout our beloved Denomination. We are devoutly thankful for the gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, spoken of by you, in your address to this Conference, and we share your regrets, that notwithstanding the admission of so many persons on trial for membership by you, a permanently larger increase of members has not ensued. With yourselves, too, we are strongly convinced that what is required now and always on the part of the Church on earth is, that its members in a greater degree, possess the "mind of Christ," be less and less conformed to the spirit and practices of the world, and manifest a constant zeal for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls, so as steadily, untiringly, and personally, to endeavor for that end.

It is our earnest prayer that both ministers and members throughout the entire connexion, may more fully realize the will of God as made known in His promises, by experiencing the highest influences, and submitting fully to the sanctifying operations of that Holy Spirit, who has said, "I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return, they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon." And why may not this be? He who has promised "fainteth not. neither is weary." He still lives, and reigns, and operates for the good of His people; and none of them need say to Him, "Where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels, and mercies toward me? are they restrained?"

We feel that we have occasion to rejoice, in that from time to time God gives signal evidence that He is in our midst. During the year now closed, He has graciously revived His work on several of our stations. In answer to prayer, many backsliders have been reclaimed; many others, who, in respect to the spiritual life, appeared ready to die, have been refreshed and strengthened; while many more have been "born of the incorruptible word, which liveth and abideth forever." 475 persons have been admitted on trial for membership; 53 have, as we fondly trust, passed away to God in peace; 251 have removed from our

midst into other neighborhoods; and alas! not a few have "forsaken God that made them. and lightly esteemed the Rock of their salvation;" leaving us a net increase to the Societies of 207 persons.

Our Sabbath Schools still continue prosperous as to numbers and finances, although they do not realize in so large a degree as we desire, the highest form of prosperity in the conversion of the children to God. It is very possible that the great end of Sabbath school teaching is not sufficiently regarded and pursued by some who are engaged in it, and that too many of the members of our churches keep aloof from the schools, where their presence, counsels, prayers, and labors might abundantly be blessed. Still we are not without cause of joy in respect to this department of the work, for in not a few instances, "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings God hath perfected praise."

In another respect the good hand of our God has been upon us, in that no breach has been made in our ministerial ranks. The fathers, toil-worn, and somewhat broken by time and infirmities, are with us still, their hearts as strong, and hopes as bright as in the days when they pioneered among the woods of this great land; and now in a green old age, they dwell among their own people, loved and honored for their "works' sake," joyously awaiting the time when the great Master, whom they have so long served, shall bid them "go up higher." While this is so, however, several of the brethren, through age or affliction, are for the present laid aside. The brethren Edwards and Gale, have felt it to be necessary to apply for superannuation; Bro. J. Hoidge, who since last Conference, has been nigh unto death, although now in a good degree restored, still needs rest for his more perfect restoration to health; Bro. H. J. Nott, has been obliged, through broken health, to retire from the work, although we trust his retirement will be only temporary; and Bro. R. Hicks, whose health is somewhat improved, needs a longer cessation from ministerial toil; Bro. Ashley, also becomes a supernumerary from a similar cause.

Towards supplying for lack of service of these beloved brethren, two young men have been received on probation for the ministry, while four, who have satisfactorily passed through their probation, have been admitted into full connexion with this Conference.

Although the effort made to establish a Connexional Printing Office was not so generally supported as we had hoped, we are glad to be able to say, that this important aim has been achieved, and there is every prospect that under the judicious management of our Editor, it will become a financial success. Our connexional organ, the OBSERVER, has been enlarged, its circulation has considerably increased, and it is viewed with increasing

favor by many outside of our own denomination. It avowedly ranks with the best religious and family newspapers published in the Dominion, and we believe it destined to be of very great, and essential service to our cause in this land.

Notwithstanding, the heavy liabilities of the Missionary Society, new ground has been broken during the year, by the opening of too new Stations, viz;—One at Portage Lake, in Michigan, U. S., which Bro. Harris, the Missionary there, reports of, as a promising field of labor; the other in the neighborhood, of Owen Sound, in this Province, in which neighborhood, several of our friends from the older Stations have settled with their families. We feel it to be important to follow our people into those new locations, whither in the order of Providence they may be led from time to time, and should do more in this direction, had we the men, and the means. We venture here, to express the hope that, while our English brethren are naturally, chiefly, interested in those colonial Missions which are under the control of their own Conference, they will not be backward in coming here to reinforce our ranks when solicted to do so. Very soon the great North-West territory will be open for emigration and settlement; other and more powerful denominations are already endeavoring to anticipate the wants of the future inhabitants of that fertile and almost boundless region, by sending Missionaries there. As it is by no means unlikely that many of our own members will find their way into the new country, we shall prove recreant to our high trust, if we are not careful to supply them with the bread of life. In this matter dear brethren, you must be one with us.

We rejoice at the constantly occurring proofs that God is working out His purposes among the nations of the earth, by providentially removing, one after another, long established abuses which have derogated from His glory, by obstructing His mighty work among men. Providence, and grace never conflict with each other. All God's works beautifully harmonize, however discordant men may deem them to appear. Not the least among the signs of the times, are those events which lead to liberty of thought, and the freedom of the human conscience in matters of religion. We view with great and interested attention the course of the British Government, in its purpose to disestablish and disendow the Irish Church, believing that we see in it, the good beginning of a better end—a large stride, indeed, towards the period when the unholy and harmful alliance of Church, and State shall cease throughout every part of the British Empire, and the world, and with it the various disabilities which non-conformist Christians of every name and in every age have had to endure. When we recollect, that even priest-ridden and bigotted Spain, has so far awakened

from the lethargy into which for ages she was sunk, as to assert that every form of Christianity shall be legally protected within her bounds, surely no obstacles, which increasing parties may create, or the worshippers of the dead past may throw in its way, shall suffice effectually to hinder the passage of the great measure now before the British Parliament, or prevent the still further application of the just principles upon which it is based.

In our last annual address to you, we referred to a kindred matter, although a local one, viz;—the avowed determination of the Government of Ontario, to disallow, in future; any grant of public monies to Denominational Colleges. We then expressed the apprehension that "more than a little bitterness might be manifested before the question would be finally settled." In this we were not deceived, and accordingly, earnest attempts were made by influential persons to force the Provincial Government to recede from its determination, but with the general sense of the people in its favor it remained firm to its purpose. The right has prevailed.

Our Conference has been on the whole a pleasant one. Old fellow-laborers have had a happy re-union, and felt the ties of a sacred friendship established long years ago grow stronger. Others of us have met for the first time, and here commenced an acquaintance and a friendship that will outlive time. Heart has grown to heart. The Master has been in our midst, and we are happy in His favor, safe in His protection, and honored in His service. Since we have been together we have had "times of refreshing coming from the presence of the Lord," and in separating for our fields of labor, we have the high hope, that if a longer separation shall take place, by any of our number being summoned to rest, we shall meet again at home:—

> "Than farewell night! of darkness then no more:
> Joy breaks; shines; 'tis eternal day."

With full hearts, dear Fathers and Brethren we greet you; and especially do we greet and sympathize with the dear Brethren who are in affliction and bereavement among you, and earnestly pray that they may be mercifully sustained and comforted, and more, that they may feel assured that their "light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," We desire to assure you of our undying attachment to you all, and of our purpose, through grace, so to prosecute our pilgrimage on earth as to meet you in our Father's house above; for we "know that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ."

W. S. Pascoe, *President.*
E. Roberts, *Secretary.*

Address to the Societies.

Dearly Beloved,—We avail ourselves of this medium, to call your attention to, the very important subject of *Family Religion.* A little reflection will serve to convince you, that, from the beginning, Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, deemed the religious culture of children, a subject of first importance, (and infinite wisdom cannot err.) Hence, when He had commanded: "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might: and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart." It was added: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes; and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." "But teach them to thy sons, and thy sons, sons; specially the day that thou standest before the Lord thy God in Horeb * * * * that they may teach their children." "For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our Fathers, that they should make them known to their Children: that the generations to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who would arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments: and might not be as their Fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God." In the New Testament we read: "Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Ye Fathers provoke not your Children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

And of Abraham, as a father, and a master, this honorable testimoney is given by the pen of Inspiration. "I know him that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment."

After reading the above quotations, we think there can be no doubt upon your minds respecting your duty as parents.

Family worship, is at once your duty, and your privilege: nor can it be neglected with impunity, for it is written, "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name." The absence of, in many instances, the mere semblance of family government, and

the irreligiousness of many, so called, Christian families, are to us, subjects of painful interest. "Many complain that their children are unruly, and why? Because they never subjected them to rule and government, when they had it in their power. They complain that they embitter their old age, and why? Because they never taught them to reverence their parents when they were young. Alas! how pitiable is the condition of him who has the affliction to be the father of a wicked offspring! Poor unhappy man! Thy sorrow admits of no alleviation. Disease and death are blessings when compared with the anguish of thy heart, when thou seest thy children run heedlessly to ruin, and towards which by thy fond and criminal indulgence, thou hast led them." To this must be added the humiliating fact, that in very many cases, there is no attempt to Educate the children in the most important of all subjects. "A religious education is the most essential preparative, and successful precursor to a religious life. If the plant be not kept straight at first, the tree will probably be crooked at the last." The principles imbibed in youth, are commonly carried to the grave. You cannot expect your children to receive a religious education in the common or district schools; nor yet at the institutions were "superior" education is imparted; it does not come within their legitimate sphere, excepting such as are denominational.

Nor must you expect this work to be done for you at the Sabbath Schools, whither your children resort for about two hours on the Sabbath day. The religious education of your children must be carried on at home: God holds you responsible for the doing of it; and while you live in the habitual neglect thereof, whatever may be your frames and feelings, and however great your supposed religious joy, and however zealous your efforts to ameliorate the condition of others, outside of your own family circle, rest assured, there will be a blank in your religious life which, in its consequences, may not only bring down your gray hairs with sorrow to the grave, but entail upon society a blasting, withering, damning influence; and the Eternal will not hold you guiltless.

We submit the following for your serious consideration and prayerful adoption.

I. That it is your duty to attend to the religious education of your children, and that such education can only be properly imparted at your own homes.

II. That in order to the proper discharge of this God-imposed duty, you should so arrange your affairs as to allow of, at least, two or three evenings in every week being devoted thereto.

III. That in addition, to oral instruction you should keep a good supply of religious literature, both standard and periodical, always on hand, always accessible to such members of the family as can read it.

IV. Where practicable the science of singing should be cultivated, and in every possible way, home should be made attractive.

V. It may be objected that your engagements in connection with temperance, and other philanthropic Associations will not allow of so much time being devoted to the religious culture of your families. Our reply is, that, any engagements, the fulfilling of which leads to the habitual neglect of home duties, are radically wrong; and you should seek to be released therefrom at your earliest convenience.

It may also be objected that, the expense necessary to be incurred in giving effect to the above suggestions would be too heavy a tax upon your financial resources. To this, we reply that, in hundreds of cases, if the money expended in the purchase of tobacco, artificial flowers, and useless ribbons were applied to the purchase of Religious Literature, there would not only be ample means for that purpose, but a large margin left to be appropriated, as in your judgment, might seem best.

In a word, let your homes be made cheerful, as home should be; let the relative duties of the individual members of the family be promptly and lovingly discharged—Let religiousness permeate the whole carriage of the parents, and happy homes will multiply on every hand. In addition to the discharge of home duties, as commonly understood, we strongly advise that parents and children go to the House of God in company, that they sit together in the House of prayer; and that they return home again in company. We cannot too strongly reprobate the practice obtained in some places, of allowing the children to remain in the streets or roads, on their way to or from public worship. There are proper times for out-door exercises—for youthful recreations; but surely the Lord's Day is not one of those times.

We earnestly call your attention to the resolutions of the present Conference, relative to the relationship your children should sustain to the Church; and affectionately ask your co-operation in our endeavor to give effect thereto. Our prayer is, "That your sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and your daughters be polished after the similitude of a palace," and that in the judgment of the great day, you may be prepared to say, "Here we are Lord, and the children thou hast given us."

For information respecting the general state of the connexion we must refer you to the several resolutions to be found in the printed Minutes.

During this Conference, notwithstanding the occurrence of two or three painful circumstances, we have enjoyed much of the Master's presence. We shall soon separate, again to mingle among you; each according to the ability God has given, laboring to warn every man, and teach "every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

And now, beloved, we beseech you to re-consecrate yourselves to God. Seek the grace to enable you to answer the grand end for which your lives are prolonged. Seek to realize your individual responsibility to God. Remember you are "the light of the world." "The salt of the earth." Have salt in yourselves that you may season others also. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching one another, and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts, unto the Lord. And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

W. S. Pascoe, *President.*
E. Roberts, *Secretary.*

ALPHABETICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL LIST
OF THE
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PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN OUT.	WHERE STATIONED.	No. of yrs. on present Station.
Allin, Roger	1868	Orange & Chagrin Falls	2
Archer, Joseph	1869	Perrytown	1
Ashley, Isaac	1856	Supernumerary	1
Ayres, Walter	1863	Rockland, U. S.	3
Baker, Robert	1867	Prince Albert	2
Barker, Cephas	1838	Editor	4
Beer, William C	1866	Ingersoll and Dereham.	2
Bodle, George	1856	Usborne	1
Butcher, John W	1843	Peterboro'	2
Cantlon, David	1855	Prince Albert	2
Chapple, John	1834	Charlottetown	5
Clarke, Archibald	1860	Mitchell	2
Collins, James, 1	1867	Hungerford	2
Collins, James, 2	1868	Usborne	1
Colwell, Garrance T	1865	Portage Lake, U. S.	1
Courtice, Richard T	1865	Lakefield	1
Dunkley, George	1862	Colborne	1
Ebbott, Henry	1841	Little Prairie, U.S.	3
Edwards, John	1831	Superannuated	1
Eynon, J. H	1826	Superannuated	10
Gale, Jacob	1843	Superannuated	1
Glover, T. W	1866	Mariposa	2
Gordon, Andrew	1856	Hungerford	2
Green, Thomas	1829	Mitchell	2
Harris, John	1863	Orange & Chagrin Falls	1
Hancraft, George	1841	Superannuated	12
Heysett, William	1864	Grey	2
Hicks, Richard	1863	Supernumerary	2
Hodnett, William	1865	Fenelon	1
Hoidge, Joseph	1841	Supernumerary	2
Hooper, William	1840	Exeter	4
Hull, Thos. R	1855	Hampton	2
Hunt, William P	1862	Murray Harbor, P.E.I.	2
Hurley, Robert	1834	Yorkville, U.S.	2
Jolliffe, William	1858	London	1
Jolliffe, Samuel	1862	Lisbon, U.S.	4
Kenner, Henry	1855	Palmyra, U. S.	2
Kinley, William	1865	London	1
Kinsey, John	1862	Huntingdon	1
Langdon, John	1825	Superannuated	23
Metherall, Francis	1822	do.	11
Morris, Abraham	1827	do.	9
Newcombe, Henry	1860	New Bideford, P.E.I.	2
Pascoe, W. S	1853	Oshawa	2
Pearce, C. J	1864	Seymour	2
Price, E	1861	Port Hope	3
Rice, James J	1863	Bowmanville	2
Richard, Alexander	1867	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1
Roach, William R	1852	Clinton	2
Roberts, Edward	1858	Hampton	1

PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN OUT.	WHERE STATIONED.	No. of yrs. on present Station.
Robins, Paul	1823	Book Steward	6
Sencabaugh, J. T.	1861	Cleveland, U. S.	3
Tapp, J. B.	1829	Superannuated	4
Wade, W.	1862	Ingersoll and Dereham.	2
Webber, G.	1858	Cobourg	2
Whitlock, J	1848	Mariposa	2
Wickett, L. W.	1864	Bowmanville	1
Williams, J.	1836	Pickering	2
Woodman, W.	1851	Scott	1
Yelland, J. G	1869	Vernon River, P. E. I.	1

Addresses of the Preachers.

CANADA.

Cobourg—Cobourg
Port Hope—Port Hope
Peterboro'—Peterboro'
Lakefield—Warsaw
Huntingdon—Ivanhoe
Hungerford—Tweed
Seymour—Campbellford
Perrytown—Perrytown
Bowmanville—Bowmanville ; 3rd Preacher, Orono
Hampton—Hampton ; 2nd Preacher, Columbus ; 3rd Preacher, Bowmanville
Oshawa—Oshawa
Mariposa—Little Britain , 2nd Preacher, Manilla
Pickering—Duffins' Creek
Prince Albert—Prince Albert
Scott—Leaskdale
Fenelon—Fenelon Falls
Exeter—Exeter
Mitchell—Mitchell ; 2nd Preacher, Fullarton.
Clinton—Clinton
Colborne—Colborne
London—London
Ingersoll and Dereham—Ingersoll ; 2nd Preacher, Culloden
Usborne—Winchelsea ; 2nd Preacher, Exeter

UNITED STATES.

Cleveland—176 Orange St. Cleveland, Ohio
Orange & Chagrin Falls—Barry ; 2nd Preacher, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.
Palmyra—Palmyra, Jefferson Co, Wis.
Lisbon—Sussex, Waukesha Co, Wis.
Yorkville—Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis.
Little Prairie—Little Prairie, Walworth Co., Wis.
Rockland—Rockland, Ontonagon Co, Mich
Portage Lake—Hancock, Portage Lake, Mich.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown—Charlottetown
Ebeenezer—Mc Williams' office, Lot 7
Vernon River—Vernon River Bridge
Murray Harbor—Murray Harbor, South.
New Bideford—Port Hill

MISCELLANEOUS.

PRESIDENT—Oshawa.
EDITOR—Bowmanville.
CON. & GEN. COR. SEC'Y—Hampton
MISSIONARY SEC'Y—Cobourg
GEN'L FINANCIAL SEC'Y—Prince Albert
GENERAL TREASURER—Tyrone
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